

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2354 - HB 2531**

This bill, if enacted, will make a government entity immune from suit of injury that arises out of the suicide of a person incarcerated in a prison or jail unless gross negligence of a government employee is alleged. The bill would not reduce liability for cases filed in federal courts.

There is no impact to the state from enactment of this bill since it amends the section of law dealing with governmental tort liability which affects only local governments.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a decrease in local government expenditures exceeding \$100,000 in the long run which assumes that in the absence of this bill several cities or counties would have been found liable in such lawsuits.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director